

Arkansas Department of Higher Education Hurricane Katrina Flood Victim Response

New Ideas for Assistance:

- **Use of ADHE 800 number to receive calls dealing with availability of college courses or facilities as well as transferring individuals to local institutions and helping answer financial aid information (1-800-54-STUDY).**
- **To the extent possible, ADHE will evaluate requests from any past Governor's Distinguished Scholar, Governor's Scholar, or Academic Challenge awardee to rescind their decline of scholarship for enrollment at an Arkansas college or university for pursuit of an undergraduate degree.**
- The Arkansas Student Loan Guarantee Foundation (SLGF) will be working with bank loan officers on behalf of students with college loans. The SLGF has increased staff support and extended hours for their toll free call center. Leniency will be granted for many student loans but are awaiting specific instructions from the U.S. Department of Education. Contact the SLGF at: 800-622-3446 or 501-372-1491 from 7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily (4:30-7:00 p.m. by phone only). Another student loan authority, which services Arkansas, is MOHELA (800-666-4352 or 636-532-0600 and www.mohella.com).
- The State Board of Private Career Education (SBPCE), which regulates private career training schools like truck driving and real estate, has information about schools providing scholarships for courses. Also, the truck driving schools will drive equipment to the state line but are not allowed to cross state lines. The CNA programs will accept letters of intent from nursing homes and train CNAs to work in nursing homes within two weeks. The cost of the course will be reimbursed with federal funds. Schools are offering courses in income tax and other financial services where needed. The SBPCE can be reached at 501-683-8000.
- Excess dorm space could be used to house evacuees.
- Offer athletic facilities as sites for home games for institutions in affected areas that will not have any facilities during the next semester or year.
- Churches and other community organizations could utilize campus space including cafeterias and large auditoriums to coordinate meals for refugees.
- Utilization of institutional vans and buses to transport refugees around town and to grocery stores or other stores (Wal-Mart).
- Institutional student organizations or childcare programs could organize youth camps or activities for refugee children either on campus or other locations around town.
- Student nurses or medical programs on campus could assist American Red Cross triage centers or offer first aid or medical check-ups on campus or at other locations.
- A central number could be utilized to help connect qualified and certified teachers in public (K-12) and higher education institutions with courses or classes in emergency need of teachers because of increased enrollment.

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- Licensed counselors or business instructors at higher education institutions could offer emotional and financial counseling sessions.
- Institutions could open recreational activities and equipment like swimming pools, basketball courts and exercise rooms to refugees either collectively or individually.
- Higher Education institutions could offer non-credit courses including personal finance as well as hobby interests to refugees at no cost for short-term attendance as a method of diversion.
- The Department of Higher Education's toll-free number (800-54-STUDY) is offered as a contact for any higher education question including the SREB's Doctorial and Common Market courses.

Previously-Released Activities:

Arkansas public higher education institution activities for hurricane relief to neighboring states:

All public universities, most public two-year colleges, and some independent institutions in Arkansas are following the policy below:

- **To the extent possible, for fall semester, 2005, any Arkansas resident currently enrolled in any New Orleans public or private institution of higher education who has returned home may enroll without tuition or mandatory fee charges. Students may be attending schools such as:**
 - Dillard University**
 - Loyola University-New Orleans**
 - Our Lady of Holy Cross College**
 - Southern University-New Orleans**
 - Tulane University**
 - University of New Orleans**
 - Xavier University of Louisiana**
- **Out-of-state tuition and fees will be waived for any student from the impacted areas of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi who wishes to enroll in an Arkansas college.**

Additional services offered by Arkansas colleges and universities:

- **The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville** will team up with the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the American Red Cross to raise funds. A series of collection stations will be posted at the Razorback's **Sept. 3** game at 6 p.m. at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium. Beginning at noon Friday, **Sept. 2**, a collection station will be posted at the fan entrance of Barnhill Arena, site of the Arkansas Lady'Backs' 2005 C&C Services Invitational volleyball tournament. Donations will also be collected during the Razorback's **Sept. 10** game at 6 p.m. Patrons are asked to provide monetary donations.

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- **ASU-Jonesboro** is offering a special scholarship package to Arkansas students who were attending school there and would like to enroll at ASUJ for a semester. Student Affairs and Academic Affairs officials are working out arrangements on the assumption that many of these students will not have transcripts and other key information immediately available. Student affairs and the advising center personnel will work out details and establish a "hurricane buddy" system to help Katrina-affected students get up to speed, both academically and personally.
- **Henderson State University** is making special exceptions to accommodate students victimized by the hurricane. There is room for 75 students in campus residence halls without disrupting the living situations of current students. Henderson is allowing students who were attending colleges or universities in the gulf area affected by Katrina to register late. In other efforts, Henderson will make 40-45 mattresses available to hurricane refugees stranded locally. For a limited time, there will be eight bedrooms available for elderly or special needs refugees in the Whispering Oaks apartments that are part of university housing. Movies will be shown nightly to offer a source of escape for the victims stranded in Arkadelphia. The university's student hub, The Garrison Center, is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 11 p.m. on Sundays. The facility features bathrooms, showers, a fitness room, basketball and racquetball courts and is available to any of the refugees. Henderson is also addressing the needs of commuters with the increasing cost of gasoline. The university's information desk is now offering carpool information. To learn more about the Reddie Rides carpool service, call 870-230-5228. For financial aid information, call 870-230-5148.
- **Southern Arkansas University Tech** is in the process of making space available in one of the dorms to house hurricane victims. Some students deployed with the National Guard and they will be able to complete their coursework. This would apply to utility workers and anyone else deployed due to the hurricane.
- **East Arkansas Community College** has offered the use of its Computer Education Center and Library Internet-access computers for evacuees on its campus and at the EACC site in Wynne. They are in the process of planning a large supper for the evacuees staying in Forrest City. There has been an impressive coordination of efforts, as there are more than 1,000 people taking refuge in Forrest City. A date for the dinner has not been confirmed.
- **Black River Technical College's** nursing department is accepting donations of non-perishable items through Friday, September 9. The items will be distributed to refugees who are seeking shelter in northeast Arkansas and nearby areas. The greatest need is for personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels and washcloths. Monetary donations will also be accepted and checks should be made payable to the "American Red Cross." For more information, contact Tara Miller or Dana Clay at (870) 248-4000.
- **Arkansas State University-Beebe** - Students seeking fall enrollment who are coming from affected institutions in other areas, such as Mississippi, will be extended assistance on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the admissions office.

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- **South Arkansas Community College** is using its semi truck from its truck-driving program to deliver supplies the El Dorado community has gathered to donate to victims. The East campus is opening its computer lab. The College spokesperson reported that the town's hotels are full, and its churches have opened its gyms for refugees.
- **University of Arkansas at Little Rock** has streamlined the admissions process so they can quickly enroll and register the affected students. Admissions counselors are working with students on an individual basis to make sure their specific needs are met. So far UALR has enrolled five students and two more are being processed.
- **University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton** is planning a Red Cross cash donation drive. The planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon to work out the details. The college wants to set up "stations" in each building on campus for students, faculty and staff, as well as the community, to be able to make donations to the Red Cross.
- **NorthWest Arkansas Community College** - Students can register in Late Start (12 week) and 2nd 8-week classes. If classes are closed, the student will need to visit with the academic dean for the division offering the class. To register, students need to come to Admissions Office in Burns Hall to complete an application for admission. The application fee will be waived. Admissions will keep a list of the instate students, so the waiver can be placed on the students account. Out of state students will be coded as out of district residency for the fall semester.
- **Arkansas State University-Mountain Home** is setting up donation points at the three entrances to its campus on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This is being organized by the Student Government Association and other student organizations.
- The Arkansas **Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC)** is pursuing the idea of fundraising for faculty, staff, and students at two-year institutions in the affected areas.

Recognized Issues Unrelated to Higher Education:

- Available business space in South Arkansas for businesses that are not dependent on location for their business; i.e. telemarketers.
- Hotel rooms offered at reduced rates with free breakfasts.
- Organized location to announce or post offered meals and activities including locating missing relatives.
- State telephone services available over the weekend to allow refugees to contact loved ones.
- Movie theaters offering free showings of movies to children during the day for short-term.
- The Humane Society of Pulaski County is accepting pet food for the affected area as well as serving as intermediary for adoption contact. Those interested in becoming adoptive homes for pets as well as families in need of such homes should contact the Humane Society of Pulaski County.

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Arkansas Institution Phone Numbers

Type	Institution	Institution Phone
University	Arkansas State University	(870) 972-2100
University	Arkansas Tech University	(479) 968-0389
University	Henderson State University	(870) 230-5000
University	Southern Arkansas University	(870) 235-4000
University	U of A at Fayetteville	(479) 575-2000
University	U of A at Fort Smith	(479) 788-7058
University	U of A at Little Rock	(501) 569-3000
University	U of A at Monticello	(870) 367-6811
University	U of A at Pine Bluff	(870) 575-8000
University	U of A for Medical Sciences	(501) 686-5000
University	University of Arkansas System	(501) 686-2500
University	University of Central Arkansas	(501) 450-5000
Independent	Arkansas Baptist College	(501) 374-7856
Independent	Central Baptist College	(501) 329-6872
Independent	Crowley's Ridge College	(870) 236-6901
Independent	Harding University	(501) 279-4000
Independent	Hendrix College	(501) 329-6811
Independent	John Brown University	(479) 524-9500
Independent	Lyon College	(870) 793-9813
Independent	Ouachita Baptist University	(870) 245-5000
Independent	Philander Smith College	(501) 375-9845
Independent	University of the Ozarks	(479) 979-1000
Independent	Williams Baptist College	(870) 886-6741
College	Arkansas Northeastern College	(870) 762-1020
College	ASU - Beebe	(501) 882-3600
College	ASU - Mountain Home	(870) 508-6100
College	ASU - Newport	(870) 512-7800
College	Black River Technical College	(870) 248-4000
College	Cossatot CC of the UA	(870) 584-4471
College	East Arkansas Com College	(870) 633-4480
College	Mid-South Community College	(870) 733-6722
College	National Park Community College	(501) 760-4222
College	North Arkansas College	(870) 743-3000
College	Northwest AR Community College	(479) 636-9222
College	Ouachita Technical College	(501) 667-5000
College	Ozarka College	(870) 368-7371
College	Phillips Community College	(870) 338-6474
College	Pulaski Technical College	(501) 812-2200
College	Rich Mountain Com College	(479) 394-7622
College	SAU Tech	(870) 574-4520
College	South AR Community College	(870) 862-8131
College	Southeast Arkansas College	(870) 543-5900
College	UACC at Batesville	(870) 793-7581
College	UACC at Hope	(870) 777-5722
College	UACC at Morrilton	(501) 354-2465